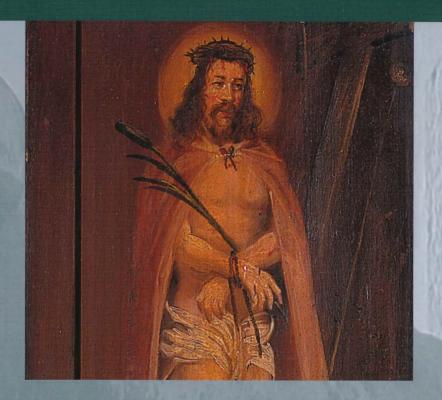
HISTORY OF WARFARE . VOLUME 119



The Corsairs' Longest Voyage

The Turkish Raid in Iceland 1627

Porsteinn Helgason

BRILL

The Corsairs' Longest Voyage

The Turkish Raid in Iceland 1627

Ву

Þorsteinn Helgason

Translated by

Anna Yates Jóna Ann Pétursdóttir



BRILL

LEIDEN | BOSTON

Contents

Preface XI
List of Figures XIII
A Note on Names and Letters xv
Introduction 1 Exceptional History 1 Sources 3 Research in the Field 6 Memory and History 29
The Inception of the Turkish Raid, and Its Central Character 31 The Return of the Moors 39 Compaen the Pirate 42 Iceland Ahoy 44 How Do We Know This? 46
Strategy and Resistance in Southwest Iceland 51 The Course of Events in Reykjanes 51 Folktales 60 Attack on the Seat of Government 62
Incursion and Salvation in the East Fjords 68 Enter the Corsairs 69 Reign of Terror in Berufjörður 71 South and North of Berufjörður 73 Did the Raiders Go to Eydalir? 75 The Corsairs' Farewell 78 Heroes and Guardian Spirits 79 Folklore and Fact 89
Razzia and Martyrdom in the Westman Islands 94 Preparedness 96 Like Lambs to the Slaughter 99 The Martyrdom of Jón Þorsteinsson 104 Not Many Placenames and Folktales 105

VIII CONTENTS

5 Piracy and Defences 110

Danish Defences 110

Icelandic Defences in the Shadow of the Turkish Raid 116

Lessons of the Turkish Raid 120

Unarmed Nation 125

Civil Defence 135

Shelter 136

Military Expenditure 138

Special Status 139

What Would Bishop Brynjólfur Have Said? 142

Conclusion 144

6 Warfare or Robbery 146

The Contemporary Analysis of the Turkish Raid 147

Forms of Maritime Raids 150

Piracy in the Mediterranean 152

Maritime Raids to the Northern Seas 155

Piracy in the Name of the Law 156

Corsair States 162

Piracy as a Sector of the Economy and a Pillar of the State 163

Corsair Licences 165

Slavery 167

Holy War 171

Legitimate Government 174

New Principles of Freedom 178

Emotions and Justice 179

7 Salvation 182

Redemption from Slavery 182

Fundraising 184

The First Redemption Mission 187

Individual Deals 191

The Second Redemption Mission 194

Danish Emissaries in the Catholic Stronghold 197

Slave Registers 199

The Bottom Line 200

Trials of a Redeemer 204

Comparison and Aftermath 208

Apostates 215

Jón Vestmann 224

CONTENTS

Anna Jasparsdóttir 234 Murat Reis 241

8 Cultural Memory 256

Scribes of Memory 256 A Tool of National Memory: The Turkish Raid in School Textbooks 264

9 The Visible Turkish Raid 297

Landscape 297
Works of Art 299
I Quatro Mori by Pietro Tacca 300
Adriaen Matham's Drawings 306
Kross: A Sword Out of the Mouth of Christ 307

Epilogue 335

Context and Connections of the Turkish Raid 336
The Place of the Turkish Raid: Event and Memory 337
Tracing the Course of Events 339
Micro and Macro, Past and Present 340

Bibliography 341 Index 367